

REMARKS

Claims 19-42 are presently pending. Applicants herein amend claims 19, 29 and 35. Further examination and review in view of the amendments and remarks below are respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview of December 28, 2006. During that interview, the participants discussed the Examiner's response to arguments in the Office Action mailed on October 30, 2006, the independent claims, and proposed amendments to the independent claims to overcome the cited references.

The Examiner rejected claims 29-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants herein amend claim 29 to address the Examiner's concern. Claims 30-34 continue to depend from amended claim 29.

The Examiner rejected claims 19-22, 24-30 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,704,028 to Schanel et al. ("Schanel"); and claims 23, 31 and 35-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Schanel in view of Pyron, "Using Microsoft Project 98" ("Project 98"). Applicants respectfully disagree. Nevertheless, Applicants have amended the claims to further clarify that a first format of a graphical element comprises different data fields and a different layout of data fields than a second format of the graphical element. For example, Applicants herein amend independent claim 19 to recite "the graphical element displayed in the first format comprises different data fields and different layout of data fields than the graphical element displayed in the second format," independent claim 29 to recite "the graphical element with the first set of data variables comprises different data variables and different layout of data variables than the graphical element with the second set of data variables," and independent claim 35 to recite "the graphical element displayed in the first shape format comprises different data fields and different layout of data fields than the graphical element displayed in the second shape

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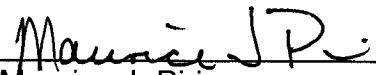
format." Claims 20-28 continue to depend from claim 19, claims 30-34 continue to depend from claim 29, and claims 36-42 continue to depend from claim 35. As agreed to by the Examiner during the December 28, 2006 telephone interview, the foregoing amendments to the claims overcome the Schanel reference. Moreover, the claims recite a novel combination of elements that is neither taught nor suggested by Schanel and Project 98.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19-42 are allowable and ask that this application be passed to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8000.

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